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Audiology Update

Effective September 1, 2009, the HCPCS annual update included changes to the national DME modifiers for equipment replacement and repair. The modifier **-RP** has been terminated and replaced with **-RA** (replacement) and **-RB** (repair). "This Computes! #314" included the **-RB** modifier, but did not delineate that the modifier change applied to **V5014** – repair/modification of a hearing aid.

Authorizations and claims for dates of services prior to September 1, 2009, should continue to use the **-RP** modifier for hearing aid repairs. Authorizations and claims for dates of services beginning September 1, 2009, should include the **-RB** modifier with V5014. If you have previously authorized V5014 without the **-RB** modifier for dates of service on or after September 1, 2009, the claims will deny. Please work with the provider and modify the SAR to include the **-RB** modifier.

The modifiers **-NU** and **-RR** are still active and should be used according to previous guidelines. Cochlear implant and prosthetic "L" codes do not require any modifiers.